Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, and it shows the need to reinstate the fairness doctrine.

The airwaves belong to the American people, not to just Democrats or just Republicans. Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get a Republican amen corner because the Republican party is the party of big business.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.